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is the most remarkable creation of man; nothing else that he builds ever lasts... Monuments fall ▪ nations perish ▪ civilizations grow old and die out. ▪ After an era of darkness new races build others; ▪ but in the world of books are volumes that live on ▪ still as young and fresh as the day they were written-still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead... ▪

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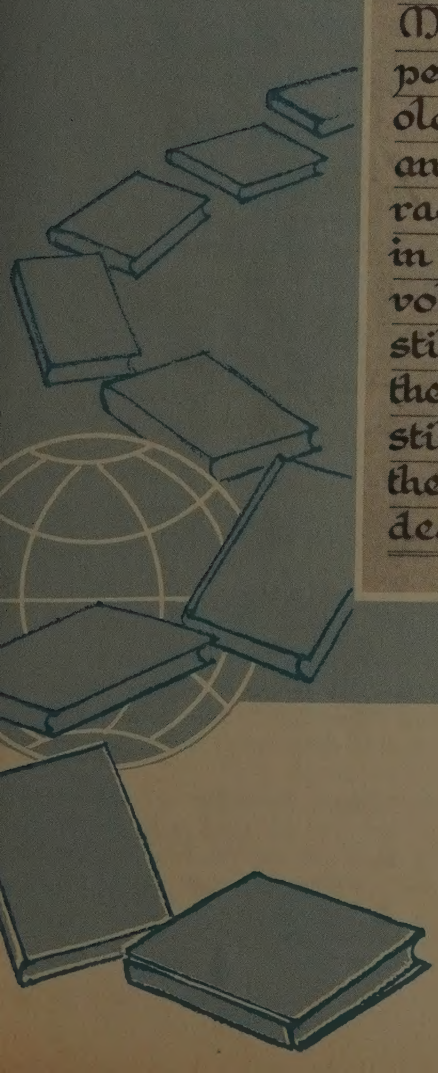

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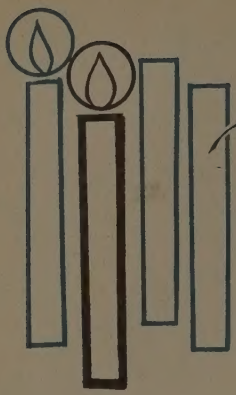

The Bethlehem Candle

The Second Sunday in Advent

The Candle of Bethlehem is a symbol of making ready to receive the Baby Jesus into our hearts and homes.

Collect—Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of thin only-begotten Son, so that by his coming we may be enabled to serv thee with pure minds; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lor who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, Ho Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

When Christmas morn is dawning
In faith I would repair
Unto the lowly manger;
My Savior lieth there,
Unto the lowly manger;
My Savior lieth there.

How kind, O loving Savior,
To come from heaven above;
From sin and evil save us,
And keep us in thy love;
From sin and evil save us,
And keep us in thy love.

Prayer—Our Father, as we now light the second of our Advent Ca dles, we are once more reminded that Thou dost use the humble thin of earth to bring Thy blessings to the children of men. It is the Bethlehe Candle we light today—the candle which lights the place where prop ecy became fulfillment.

To this humble place we come again—to the manger of the stable Bethlehem. We dare to come, because it is so humble. None among comes from a humbler place; none was born in greater poverty. He the young and old, the rich and poor, are at home. At Bethlehem t highways of life meet.

Let the light of this Advent Candle illuminate the place where He li —the holy Babe who yet is Lord of us all. Then let its rays spread to t ends of the earth, showing to all men the place where "the hopes a fears of all the years" are met on Christmas night. Amen.

int Nicholas--
Santa's Spiritual Ancestor

Advent, 1959—
The second in a series
by Walter G. Tillmans

STRANGE that we should know so little about the
who has become such a great power in our
observance of Advent and Christmas that he
but dislodged the Christ Child from His central
n. And yet traditionally St. Nicholas is the proph-
Christmas, "to make ready the world for the Mas-
oming."

e as we know about the original Nicholas he must
been a most remarkable person. Many legends
grown up around his person and his fame has
all over the world. Even today he is probably the
working of all the thousands of Roman Catho-
nts. He is highly honored among the Eastern
lox, and in Protestant England more churches
he coast are named for him—almost 400 of them
are named for England's patron saint, St. George.
the protector of travelers everywhere and even
pray to him for protection. Through the steppes
sia and Siberia he has traveled as far north as
d, and modern Americans tend to believe that
w castle of the Arctic is his one and only resi-
Far from it.

matter of fact, the historical Saint Nicholas never
ow in his life. He lived during the reigns of the
n emperors Diocletian and Constantine the Great,
the third century and into the fourth. He died as
hop of Myra, a seaport in Asia Minor, in 326, on
ber sixth. Since then December sixth has been
ted as St. Nicholas Day.

nolas was a strange saint. He was born with a
spoon in his mouth and spent most of his life
away his inherited fortune. His gifts were mostly
mous. Once he gave dowries to three poor girls
ad not been able to marry because their father
ankrupt. Legend tells us that when St. Nicholas
ed with his gifts for the third girl, the girl's father lay in ambush to thank their unknown benefactor. Nicholas, frightened away, tossed the gift through the window and disappeared. Some others, who had similar experiences with him, saw him climb on the roof and throw the gifts down the chimney.

His festival is celebrated all over the world. In Bulgaria and along the Dalmatian coast people still eat carp in his honor. After all, he had lived near the sea and had been the protector of fishermen. But even the inland cities celebrate his day, December 6th. We hear of a monastery in Germany where in the tenth century the pupils moved in solemn St. Nicholas Day procession down the aisle of the church. King Conrad and his boisterous companions who were present tried to break up the procession by throwing apples at the boys. But the boys, undisturbed, gathered the apples and put them in a sack. Ever since that time St. Nicholas has carried apples with the other good things in his sack.

As time went on (and boys became more unmanageable) the St. Nicholas processions were moved from the church into the streets. Children roaming the streets collected tribute from the burghers. The children's revel often lasted from December 6th to December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem. Still later adults took over and young and old pranksters played tricks which make some of our worst Hallowe'en tricks appear like child's play.

How did it happen that the gentle saint from Asia Minor became such a menace in many places? The blame lies squarely with Odin, the old Norse god. Odin had an amazing capacity for becoming someone else, for merging with someone else to become a new person. In Germany, in contrast to America, St. Nicholas often wears Odin's *Schlapphut,* his broad-brimmed hat, and rides a gray-dappled or white horse. The *Schimmel-*

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reiter now often uses two companions decked out like a horse with a white tablecloth. But in the olden days, as they still say in Scandinavia when the wind blows outside, *Oden jagar förbi*—"Odin was riding past." Odin's army, *Wodenes her,* became in Germany a *wutendes Heer,* a raging army, arriving about November 11, St. Martin's Day, and staying throughout the winter. Odin was accompanied by Holda or Perchta, who inspected the households on the night of St. Nicholas. The housewife set the table for the two demons, for Perchta is stern and punishes the lazy.

Today St. Nicholas brings his brother Rupert, who carries the switch for the bad boys and girls. He may also bring along St. Peter or an angel and in some places the Christ Child. "Santeklas," in contrast to our dechristianized Santa Claus, usually holds forth with a good Christian homily, telling the children to honor Him who was born on Christmas Day and admonishing them to be good in order to receive Him worthily. He does not stick around until Christmas like our Santa Claus, but quickly vanishes after December 6. And above all, he did not until very recently represent commercial interests.

The Lutherans often substituted a doting *Weihnachtsmann* for the old saint. That was a bad mistake and in many places efforts are now being made to restore St. Nicholas to his proper place as a trailblazer for the Christmas season. Although Odin has not as yet been liquidated, there is hope that the mischief which he has wrought will finally cease. In the Black Forest the has chosen the lowly donkey to bring the good new the Lord's coming. "Ich klopf, ich klopf und sage dass Christus der Herr bald kommen kann" (I k and announce that Christ the Lord may soon co But he never comes empty-handed.

In the Rhineland the children sing: "Sinter hellige man, breng die kleene kender watt, loat groote loope, die könne sech selvs watt koope" (S Claus, holy man, bring something to the little chil let the big ones go, they can buy something for t selves). Often, as in Odin's day, food, including hay the horse, is put near the chimney. Cakes and co are baked and everyone eats *Klauskerls,* Santa C cookies.

In big cities, as for example in Berlin, empty s are placed outside the door or on window-sills. They usually filled during the night by *Pelznickel,* furry Nicholas, who comes with *Pelzebock,* Beelzebub, in western Germany accompanies the saint. Don't me why! Perhaps to remind us that the devil is still adversary and "walketh about seeking whom he may vour." Or it may be just a corruption of *Pelzeb* furry buck, the forefather of Rudolph, the red-n reindeer. In any case, it is clear that *Pelznickel* h sway over *Pelzebock* and that Christian boys and have nothing to fear from the evil companion of saintly prophet of the Lord's advent.

Next week: Saints, Demons and their strange customs.

Report on the Budget

THE OTHER DAY a letter came from Vernon E. Severson, the pastor of Nidaros Lutheran Church in Hammer, South Dakota. Although the congregation had set an objective of $1,000, it had decided to send $1,800 for the 1959 Budget.

"The feeling was," Pastor Severson wrote, "that we should disburse the benevolent funds the same year as received, which is good Christian stewardship. We do this (1) because we believe some churches may fall short of their pledges this year; (2) because some churches may not be able to give the 'extra' which must be received if we as a church body are to meet our objectives this year; (3) because we believe that 'to whom much is given, of him much will be expected'; (4) because we love Christ, His Church, and her mission."

Other congregations can follow the fine example set by Nidaros Church by sending special funds to the Budget "over and above" the objective of the congregation. These special funds would include all money from auxiliaries, "In Memoriam" gifts and special year-end contributions solicited from members of the congregation.

RAYMOND M. OLSON

October 30,

District	1959 Objective	Raised	Status	% Raised	% R 10-
Eastern	$1,516,965.00	$ 935,136.97	$ 581,828.03	61.6	6
Northern Minnesota	691,017.00	429,848.11	261,168.89	62.2	6
Southern Minnesota	1,366,900.00	811,678.51	555,221.49	59.4	5
South Central	605,664.00	364,308.53	241,355.47	60.2	5
South Dakota	613,421.00	402,519.10	210,901.90	65.6	5
North Dakota	671,706.00	414,650.80	257,055.20	61.7	5
Rocky Mountain	287,479.00	187,110.53	100,368.47	65.1	5
Pacific	352,648.00	224,528.22	128,119.78	63.7	6
California	313,014.00	215,508.33	97,505.67	68.8	6
Canada	128,092.00	83,944.37	44,147.63	65.5	5
No District	.....	633.10	633.10 cr.		
Lutheran Students	.....	300.00	300.00 cr.		
	$6,546,906.00	$4,070,166.57	$2,476,739.43	62.2%	5
BUDGET	$6,855,778.00	$4,070,166.57	$2,785,611.43	59.4%	6

Crisis in the Church

By Gerhard Frost

AS BEEN SAID that the reason mountain climbers ed together is that it keeps the sane ones from home.

re is a glorious insanity involved in all high ad- e. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ we ound together" in our call to the highlands of concern and active love. We are commissioned t aside that seeming sanity which tailors tasks to n capacities, and to give ourselves to the only anity, the rash and reckless insanity of implicit nce and trust!

voice of common sense has always sounded re- in the face of the Spirit's high commissions. It telling God's people that sin has unfitted them nning the errands of the King. But faith turns f ear to such a counsel of despair. Faith tells us God has matched us with a great moment, that as forgiven us, and that *the token of His for- ess is a task!*

Christian Church lives in perpetual crisis, the which Truth creates. Faith sees this crisis as she Christ and in Him finds her resources. She knows risis is not all peril, but rather perilous opportuni- d thus she goes to her task with sobriety and joy. s is a demanding day. Only a Church of *growing* tians can measure up to its task. Great love comes sturdy faith, and this in turn feeds on Christian ledge day by day. It is for this reason that we leeply convinced that one of the elements of crisis present situation is our need to re-think our ap- h to adult education.

Neglected . . . The Adult

would point to three comprehensive reasons for g attention to the neglected person in our present tional program—the adult. *We believe that we re-assess our responsibility in the field of adult tion because the nature of Truth dictates it, the of our time requires it, and the resources at hand rage it.*

e nature of Truth is such that it calls for the tual pioneer. It presents ever-widening intellectual spiritual frontiers. It beckons and invites to explora- and action.

uth is not a static destination toward which one eys and at which one arrives. It is rather an ever- ning horizon which recedes before the traveler's steps, but not without yielding the journeyman's rich rewards.

We must face the disquieting fact that we have, in our neglect of the adult, fostered the misconception that there is an almost terminal quality involved in Confirmation instruction. For many of us our Confirmation Day or our graduation from the High School Bible Department marked the end of formal study of matters pertaining to our faith.

While bearing in mind that good preaching does serve a didactic purpose and does add much to one's store of Christian knowledge through the years, it must be admitted that it cannot compensate for the lack of a true study situation in which we may probe and interpret together. It is not a mark of health when our Church presents an educational program which implies that Christians are to meet the complex problems of advancing years on the basis of little more than a confirmand's knowledge. To terminate formal study is to yield to the false conception that Truth is a commodity which one may have and hold rather than the very revelation of God which would claim us and carry us where He wills.

It is generally the person who has stopped studying who is proud of what he knows. Growth in knowledge nurtures humility; arrested growth permits pride of spirit and intellect to go unchecked. It is true that "all knowledge is but a door to another level of ignorance" and that the more a person knows, the greater will be his awareness of what he does not know. Hence the badge of intellectual and spiritual integrity will always be humility.

The Christian lives happily and trustingly with mystery, for he knows that where God is there is mystery, *saving* mystery. But the Christian will not be intellectually docile or lazy. It is in the very nature of faith to study. The growing Christian probes and questions in a reverent and worshipful spirit. His humble gratitude for knowledge divinely given expresses itself in industrious grappling with the unknown. His concern is not only for right answers. He prayerfully seeks to ask the right questions, for he knows that this, too, is a large part of wisdom.

With all respect to the many fine exceptions, must it not be said that too many congregations today lend evidence to the conclusion that we are not a *studying* Church? If it must be said that, as church members, we are insensitive to many vital issues, if we are failing

even to ask the right questions, may it not be because our fellowship is often not on a sufficiently mature and fundamental level? Surely there are many highly confusing issues before us, as there have been in every age, but is our very level of confusion as mature as it ought to be?

A Time to Think

Ours is a day which encourages an unthinking activism, a day of privilege and of easy access to the good things which lie on the surface of life. There is a current surge of religious expression, and the band wagon rolls along with few interruptions or attacks from without. But this is also a day of insidious undercurrents, a time which requires the prophetic voice, a voice calling each one of us to the "thinking corner," there to reassess our treasures and re-examine our goals.

This is a day of crowds. We have prayed our way to a wonderful problem. We have asked God to guide many feet across the threshold of the church door. He has done so. He has given our Church many people. Since people are God's purpose and since our problem grows out of our prayer, it must surely no longer be called a problem. It must rather be recognized as opportunity, heaven-sent but nevertheless fraught with peril. With the Church enjoying public favor, the peril is that many of our congregations are growing so rapidly that the process of assimilation will become dangerously superficial unless there is a radically increased concern for the education of adults.

This is also a day of rapid transition. Our worship forms are at present undergoing great change. Not only are the Scriptures appearing in many new translations and paraphrases; the new hymnal also presents us with a gold mine of strange new treasures. It will require years of use and study to live our way into its riches. Add to this the fact that a new translation of Luther's Small Catechism is soon to be presented to our people, and we sense that this is, indeed, a time which calls Christians to study and to think. There must be a concerted effort to relate ourselves to these new treasures lest we become formalistic and thoughtless in our life and worship.

Not only do the nature of Truth and the spirit of our times indicate the need for a new approach to adult education; the resources at hand encourage it! Truly, we are called to do much more than to note with regret and view with alarm. There is so much to sing about. Why should we waste God's time in sighing?

We would suggest a periodic "quiet time" in the life of every congregation. Why not declare a moratorium on organizational activities for a portion of the year, perhaps for six or eight weeks during the pre-Advent or pre-Lenten season? During this time a School of Faith or a Christian Study Institute could be spor by the congregation or a group of congregations tegically located. Many of our congregations are ticing this with success. Three or four courses of may be offered, or less if less variety is required pastor might take the lead in presenting the b courses and qualified members of the congreg might prepare themselves to teach other courses subject matter might be selected from the follo and many other areas: Christian Missions, Church tory, Christian Symbols and Church Architecture Christian Family, Christian Denominations, Lut Liturgy and Hymnody. Why should not that school teacher of history present a series of studi the history of the Christian Church? Why shoul that architect or engineer prepare himself to gu study of Christian Symbols and Church Architec What is there to prevent that mother of four who to teach in the public school from informing h especially in the field of Christian Missions?

Doesn't this offer an encouraging picture of Communion of Saints in study? True, it may re a whole year's warning for each of these prospe teachers to ready himself for the task. It does su a long range program on the congregational level in the space of a few years it may become a well lished little school. (In all this we are not turning backs on the regular adult Bible classes which ma functioning well on an all-year basis.)

Clear the Decks!

We repeat that the decks would have to be cle The tempo of activity would have to become less celerated, and the cardinal sin would be the ele of officers.

Encouragement to contemplation would have to from the pulpit and from one another in the Bulletin space might well be used for pin-pointing reviews, and these books might be made available purchase immediately at the close of the service is ironical that ours is a non-reading generation time when the level of general education has rea unprecedented heights and the best in reading mate is so readily available.

Would it not be well for congregations to "come and rest awhile"? Is it not true that we have a tend to rush past the deep meanings of life and to ourselves more and more to the surface of existe Is not this a time for maturity and self-searchin time for each of us to fall under divine arrest and ourselves, What can *I* do to make the very best of great moment in the life of my Church? What ca of us do to help our Church to really *be* the Ch in our midst?

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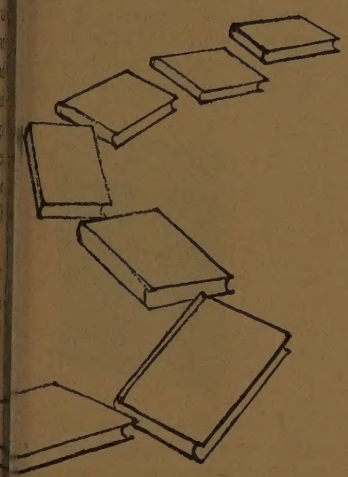

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There they lie on the floor—fourteen books to be evaluated—staring at us expectantly, if not reprovingly. Or does the reproving look come from the deadline, that absolute deadline, that accompanies them?—It's been wonderful reading those books (I welcomed something to think about outside of the familiar, not to say familial, doings) and even the deadline was friendly—until today. There was something reassuring about being able to say, "this I *have* to do today," when I sat down to read even while the sun was shining.

But now this evaluation. Just how does one unify the impressions of two people so that they can be of any value at all to other people? You have been wonderful, husband, about accepting your share of this project, those several books that you had been "wanting to read." And it's been fun discussing them with you.

When we divided the titles according to content, among mine was this innocuous little book in the pretty jacket, MAMA'S WAY by Thyra Ferre Bjorn (Renehart, $3.50). I gleefully reported some of the incidents in the book of answered prayer only to be reminded by you that such a book could be dangerous, giving people a false concept of prayer as a sort of magic. Well, the author allows for this possibility, and "Mama's Way" ("Take your burden to the Lord and *leave it there*") is not unique except that she really practices those last three words. Could be that it is not our concept but our practice of prayer that is at fault.

Probably no one can read JUNGLE PILOT by Russell T. Hitt (Harper's, $3.75), without a keen realization of his own inadequate discipleship. This warm and vibrant story, culled from the personal papers of Nate Saint, "the inventive genius of Operation Auca," and from the memories of those who knew him, gives a vivid account of a singularly creative and dedicated worker among the South American Indians.

Among the heavy titles which you, friend husband, took was GOD IN THE SPACE AGE, by Martin Heinecken (Winston, $3.50). He is the only one of these authors I have ever met so I am curious: "Professor Heinecken, chatty and at times droll, does not profess to have expert knowledge of what will be found in outer space; he only reports what he has read about

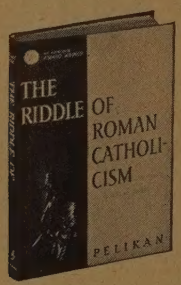
MRS. HENRY HETLAND of Chicago, Ill., in collaboration with her husband, reviews new adult books.

that. His major purpose is to correct the bad theology which makes a person vulnerable to all sorts of irrational fears about what can happen to our religion if we push too far out into that vast unknown. More precisely he attempts to clear up some of the false notions which are popularly associated with the phrase, 'Science and Religion.'"

Your comments prompted me to look for what is said about Christ's coming to our planet, and I read hungrily a section which says in effect that the universe is a unit and that God in Christ is big enough for all of it; which is what I was thinking, but it helps to have it elaborated with reference to greater knowledge. I recall your reference to the clergyman who said it would be a severe trial of his faith to find that there is life on other planets and I too wonder why some Christian people are so reluctant to face disturbing facts or scientific possibilities. Perhaps there is a general apathy toward things we do not understand or which do not directly affect us. That leads me to your thumbnail review of Jerislav Pelikan's THE RIDDLE OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM (Abingdon, $4.00):

"You can't dismiss a statement like this: '(Many Americans) know more about the batting averages of the

Yankees or the marriages and divorces of Hollywood than they do about the life and workings of the most formidable religious institution in the history of America and of the world.' But why should one know anything about the life and workings of Roman



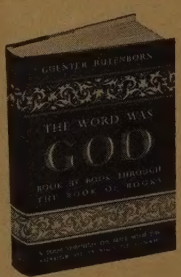
Catholicism? Professor Pelikan's answer might go something like this: 'Because we live with them and because they are a part of the family of Christendom.' At any rate he has written an account which attempts to identify and clarify the central issues which separate Rome from other Christian churches. This means he also shows what are *not* the central issues, and that is quite as important as anything that could be written for Protestants about Roman Catholicism."

Continuing in the mood of "controversial subjects," I find this in your notes on PASTOR NIEMOLLER, by Dietmar Schmidt (Doubleday, $3.95):

"Controversial figure that he was in pre-Hitler days, Pastor Niemöller continues to line people up for or against himself. This book helps to explain why. For one thing, he seems to be as precise in his position *within* the family of Christians as he is *vis a vis* certain political issues. His opponents would say he is essentially a political agitator; his friends would say he is a truly ecumenical Christian who wants Christian forces to rally under their common banner to stand the more firmly against political powers. This story of his life is too subjectively written to be a balanced account, but it does increase knowledge of one who became a symbol of German resistance in Hitler's time."

By the way, I was glad to have your explanation from the book about the rumor which went abroad during the war that Niemöller was joining the Roman Catholic Church. I am going to read that sometime when I don't have to think about "evaluations"! But I did read the book about which you said the title was "too eye-catching and therefore misleading," I FOUND GOD IN SOVIET RUSSIA (St. Martin's, $2.95). It caught my eye! So perhaps it is "the personal account of the author's own experiences which began in Germany under Nazism." My impression was that there are two "findings," first his own "finding God" and later finding the Underground Church in the Siberian mines. You may say that "it is better as a document in inhumanities than as a 'Pilgrim's Progress.'" I would say it is a stirring account of the lives of believers and of dramatic instances of God's protection which impressed even the hardened guards.

It's a good thing that both of us didn't read all those books or we would never have finished our discussion in time to meet the deadline. I come now to the book which you started but didn't finish because of some dissatisfaction. I agree that the translation is often clumsy and that he may be speaking to a situation which doesn't necessarily resemble the American scene. Well, that's what people said about his play, THE SIGN OF JONAH! I like Gunter Rutenborn's THE WORD WAS GOD (Thos. Nelson, $5.00) because I believe he fulfills his avowed purpose, which is simply to get us to read The Book. It may not



be a very satisfactory commentary but I think he has an appreciation of essentials. At any rate I think it is profitable also for us in America to read this invitation to people in East Germany to see themselves in the pages of the Bible.

The rest of the books I, and I alone, have read and am quite ready to pass upon them. But O dear husband, what about the devotional books! These are difficult. How does one evaluate them? What do we really want from such a book—just a lift of our eyes in the morning? A chart for the day? A challenge to face the enemy? A renewal of God's grace in Christ? How much can we expect from a book of readings?

This one, GIVE YOURSELF ONE by Calvin Robinson (Crowell, $2 is in no sense a devotional boo though one admirer suggests that read daily. It is specifically a of techniques, "how to" take on at a time and live it to the full. it's practicable. But is there a difference between this and those iliar exhortations that boil dow "be good and you'll be happy"? "dangling of rewards and results fore the eyes of Christians is s thing we have often discussed an plored as the greatest weakne

most devotional material. It creeps into Reuben Youngdahl's TODAY (Augustana, $3.00), alth he does bring the cross of Christ focus as central to a life of real ser He then equates "service" with piness."

NEW FRONTIERS FOR SPIRITUAL ING by Charles A. Behnke (Conco $2.00) is what it sets out to be, votions for Senior Citizens." reading is slanted to present the of retirement as a new opportunit spiritual growth. Because of its type and attractive makeup it w make a nice gift—even though yo uneasy about that subtitle!

Speaking of titles, I am mildl noyed by this one, KITTY MY RI E. Jane Mall, Concordia, $3.00) I did enjoy reading it and gatl much that I am assured is histor authentic concerning Katherine ther. She is here presented in heroic proportions by the wife Lutheran chaplain. Katherine's lo and devotion to her husband's ide service caused her many trying and even the loss of the longe new home away from Wittenberg have known too little about Mrs. tin Luther, who, with her hus "established the Protestant parson

In WARDEN'S WIFE (Appl $3.95) we have the inside sto Gladys Duffy told with a cons

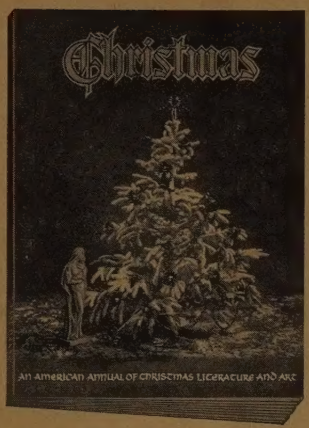
lness which is surprising, be- he and her husband both grew he shadow of San Quentin as n of prison guards. It is a true n childhood the author shared am with her future husband of ements that would be made I grow up and become war- The dream was fulfilled and n Duffy is credited with chang- n Quentin from an infamous f medieval torture to a place bilitation for the ninety-five per f its inmates who actually re- freedom.

BRIDE OF PILATE (Esther Kell- ppleton, $3.95) has me some- uzzled because I have no way mating its authenticity. So I o a statement from the jacket "Esther Kellner knows well her ound of Rome in those frighten- ys." I hope she does, because rtainly has drawn an intimate of its daily life and particular- lives of certain historical char- In spite of a certain stilted style one somehow associates with imes the book reads well and is nteresting.

unusual literary style character- izabeth Wedge's account of her 's attempt to rehabilitate a ten- d Latvian war orphan. In FORGOT (Augsburg, $3.50) she ses Val, the child, and gives a g account of the seven years ended in apparent failure as he laced in a mental hospital. Her tion that sharing this experience elp others, perhaps also raise ends to pray for Val's eventual ry, is the reason for writing must have been very hard in- o write.

now at last we shall read THE WIND BLEW SOFTLY by Ruth stone Hill (Lippincott, $3.00); because we expect it will turn ell as her mother's stories always It does! The heroine, who goes to meet the terms of her uncle's finds a new life, the concurrent f her aunt's mysterious—but why a good story that would provide ening of pleasantly light reading? I so, dear husband, when you typing the final draft and get rticle to the post office before st mail truck leaves for the Loop, all have completed this new co- tive venture. It's been fun. I we also have improved our un- nding of one another's thinking. k you, LUTHERAN HERALD!

This is Christmas . . .



There's a Christmas tree on the cover of CHRISTMAS (Augsburg, cloth $3.50; paper $1.50) this year, for the first time in its 29-volume history. At first glance the crusty white of man-made snow on its branches together with the glittering gold of its ornaments suggests that this is indeed a 20th century Christmas tree, and one would expect the volume to emphasize the contemporary. But the evergreen to be detected underneath the pristine snow speaks of timelessness and eternity, and the figurine of Mary holding the Christ Child symbolizes the gospel-centered message of this and every year's "American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art." Once more its editor, Randolph E. Haugan, and the Augsburg Publishing House have skillfully blended the modern and the traditional, the new and the old to produce a volume that will be cherished by thousands.

In a season pregnant with tradition, CHRISTMAS itself has become a tradition. It is expected to be versatile, to present the best in Christmas literature, art, and music in a typographically superior way. This year's volume continues that tradition. Its color, format, and content are a bold refutation of the comment sometimes heard that the church is less serious and less professional in its art forms. Beginning with George Gray's distinctive water color, "President Eisenhower's Gettysburg Farm," as the frontispiece, it is 68 pages of beauty and devotion, of information and inspiration, of fun and fable.

CHRISTMAS once again begins its message where it should begin—with the Christmas story according to St. Matthew and St. Luke. This year's presentation of the gospel is dignified and uncluttered. Sada Jones' illustrations are chaste and worshipful, illuminating the scripture itself and not competitive to it. As one reads he meditates, and finds himself one of the shepherds on the fields of Bethlehem and joining the pilgrimage to the manger of the infant Jesus. He becomes one of the Magi bearing gifts or even a Joseph leading his family to safety. Most certainly the reader opens his arms and heart to receive the Christ Child, with the gift He was to bring.

Particularly noteworthy in this year's group of articles is Jean Louise Smith's, "Oberammergau's Gift to Us." The article traces the history of the town from Celtic times. The gradual evolvement of woodworking as a major

MRS. WILFRED BOCKELMAN of Columbus, Ohio, reviews this year's Christmas literature.

trade and its relation to the town's famous Passion Play, plus a brief biographical sketch of the Lang family and a description of a typical modern workshop, bring the reader to the threshold of 1960—the date of the next scheduled performance of the Passion Play. The photographs of woodcarvings are tantalizing. The figure of Joseph on page 25 is unusually lovely.

Devotees of Handel will delight in the article, "The Houses of George Frederick Handel," by Robert W. Lutnes, and its companion piece, "The Huddersfield Chorus," by Zylpha S. Morton. In the former the author relates the controversy over Handel's exact birthplace and sees in it "a symbol of the enigma of Handel, the composer, and the man." The article is scholarly and analytical yet sensitive to the spirit of the man it describes.

Capricious and nostalgic as always is this year's picture story by Lee Mero. It's all there: Going home for Christmas, then and now . . . shopping, then and now . . . churches, then

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and now; the stereoscope, the old hanging lantern, and the pig that got away. It's as old as the hack and the trolley car of 1900 and the winter treads of 1896, yet as new as the imported four-wheeled bug and the wrong-way car on a one-way street (and the driver is *not* a woman). Children will revel in this story and will ask wonderingly, "Was it *really* like that?"

Not to be forgotten in this review is Gertrude Doederlein's story, "Not One Forgotten." The story may seem remote and improbable to sheltered Americans. Its plot centers around the separations of war and the providence of our Heavenly Father. The illustrations, done by Stryker Ingerman, somehow strengthen the reader's conviction that Christmas is celebrated in the heart, that glitter and glamour are superfluous.

Completing this year's annual are the traditional collection of Christmas carols and hymns, a group of Christmas customs and legends in other countries, and a descriptive article on the more common Christmas greens and flowers. These articles are encyclopedic and engaging, containing a fund of information that enriches our own Christmas traditions and celebrations and that will be useful to many a program chairman and Sunday school teacher. Tyrol, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Holland, Austria, Germany and England are the countries included in the article on Christmas customs; Gustave Krollman's illustrations are faithfully symbolic. Of particular interest among the carols is a new one, "Oh, I Would Sing of Mary's Child," with words by Melva Rorem and music by Austin C. Lovelace, concerning which Arlene V. Root says, ". . . it is hoped that (it) will be found to be (an) effective contemporary expression of the Christmas story in music."

We have said that CHRISTMAS itself has become a tradition. It has been that in our home. Every year for 13 years we have received it as a gift. We have come to anticipate its arrival. It is a gift around which we gather as a family—trying out the recipes, singing the carols, or revelling in the armchair travel. We dream a bit—this year the sketches of the North Woods by Francis Lee Jaques have us drooling. But that which we appreciate most of all about CHRISTMAS is that it focuses our Christmas on the first Christmas.

BOOKS ABOUT CHRISTM

Christmas is said to be the universally celebrated festival in world. Yet the customs that are served and the ways in which C mas is celebrated are almost as di as the nations. The tradition Christmas, their origin and hi have long been of general inte Many books have been written on subject. This year several new have been published that are of ticular interest to Christians.

Perhaps of greatest significan the book, CHRISTMAS CUST AROUND THE WORLD, by Herber Wernecke (Westminster, $3.50)

this volume the author not only de into the history of Christmas cust he also describes the celebrations, the religious and the purely fes that are held today in each of s six countries. The reader will find to say "Merry Christmas" in 33 guages, a chapter of recipes f around the world and a ready-m Christmas program based on Ch mas customs. One of the surprise the book is the description o Christmas celebration in a N Guinea hospital, taken from the le of a missionary of the American theran Church. In the preface author states, "Whenever we deeply concerned about the futur humanity, it is well to remember 'the Christmas star remains a real God not only loved the world thousand years ago, He loves it st There is much in this volume to sure the reader that the peoples the world continue to celebrate birth of our Savior with much de tion.

A smaller volume, CANDLE, S AND CHRISTMAS TREE, (Rev $1.00) by Charles L. Allen Charles L. Wallis, is a loving and vout essay on the beginnings Christmas customs and their ap cability to the 20th century Chris

g of Christmas. Typical is this
from the section on candles:
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Child is wandering along our
looking for homes where He
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es not a candle at our window
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n in our hearts for Him?" An
at gift book.
Christmas book of a different
is the POPULAR MECHANICS
TMAS HANDBOOK (Popular
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prefers to give of himself at
mas time by making gifts, dec-
as, or greeting cards. The first
n of the book, "Christmas in
nd Legend," is weak, but the
f the book is done in typical
r Mechanics style, complete
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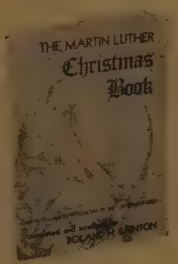

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ive narrative and commentary.
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on's commentaries reveal Lu-
remarkable ability to put him-
nd his audience in the places of
', Joseph, and the others, making
Christmas story real in a warmly
an way. Enriching the volume
number of celebrated woodcuts
ontemporaries of Luther's, such
ürer and Schongauer.

The Right Book for the Right Child

Children and books. How often we think pleasantly about a young boy or girl, curled up in the corner with a good book. And how proud we are if the book happens to be one we gave them. For one of the greatest gifts we can give a child is a book

MRS. DAVID JOHNSON of Avoca, Iowa, reviews books for children.

that will stretch his mind, spread his visions, and give him many agreeable hours.

But faced with the problem of selecting a book, we find there are complications. There are so many books, all clamoring for our attention, that we don't know where to begin. Probably the best advice for such searchers is: begin with the specific child! Because John or Mary has certain likes and dislikes, and reads at a certain level, we have to consider him individually. There is no "average" book that will suit all children, just as there is no "average" child.

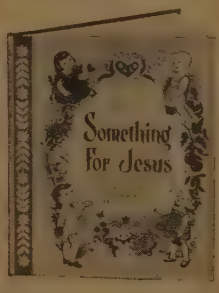
There are certain things we should know when selecting a book for a child. First, what is the age of the child? If we know nothing else about the child, we at least have a chance of finding the right book with this. The second item, what is the reading level of the child, is more important and harder to know. Often our only indication is some other book the child has read and liked. Knowing this will guide us in choosing the right book. While a book that is slightly too old for a child may be stimulating, a book three or four years in advance of him is depressing. He sees no possibility of reaching a point of reading it. But even worse is the book that is too young.

The third thing to consider is the child's interests. A girl interested in nursing would probably find a biography of Clara Barton or Florence Nightingale more worthwhile than a horse story. But, luckily for the givers, children have a multitude of interests. One doesn't have to cater to the first interest of the child.

Lest you be discouraged, the rewards of this time and thought are worth it. It has been said: "Even with the advent of radio, TV, and the many pictorial methods of presenting information, books are needed to satisfy a young person's curiosity, to develop his sense of humor, to stimulate his imagination, and to contribute to his understanding of the people and world about him." We should be proud to help in this.

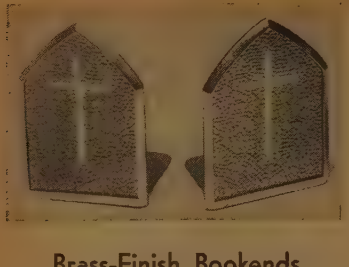
Religious books are always popular as gifts for children. Not only do they state our Christian beliefs, some present extraordinary opportunities for learning more about the Christian faith, and also for Christian growth. These books are available for all age levels, from pre-school on up.

To help answer the question, "What can I give Jesus?," Edith Eckblad wrote SOMETHING FOR JESUS (Augsburg, $1.00). After thinking of plants, and toys, and many other things, the little pre-schooler is set on the right



track by Father and decides, "I'll give Him my heart — I'll give Him my love!" Told in simple verse, this book presents the problem, and gives the answer, in a way that any child can understand.

G. L. Wind has written three books (all Concordia, $.35) about religion for the pre-school child. ABC gives short rhymes on Christian subjects for all the letters of the alphabet. Each letter is illustrated with a large, bright picture. Some of the incidents in Jesus' life are told in OUR SAVIOR JESUS. Each story is accompanied by a Bible verse and a vivid, full-page illustration. Jesus as the Good Shepherd is the subject of the third of these books, LITTLE LAMBS.



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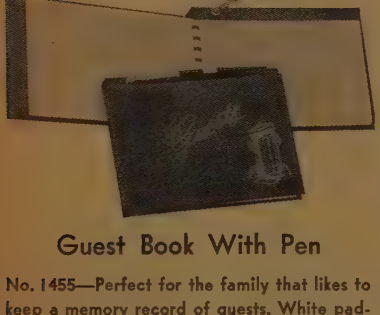

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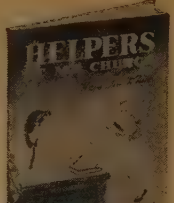
For the slightly older child, there is HELPERS AT MY CHURCH by Mary White (Broadman, $.60), where the



first and second grade boy and girl can read for himself about the people who work in the church—the pastor, organist, choir director, ushers, and all the others who help the church run smoothly.

LET'S PLAY CHURCH, by Arlene S. Hall (Warner, $.75) shows the work of the minister and his wife through the eyes of two children who play church. This book would appeal to children most at that age when they decide to "dress up"; many children would find this a welcome change from playing house.

THEY KNEW JESUS, by Olive W. Burt (Warner, $.75) is subtitled: "Verses and pictures about some of the people who knew Jesus." Familiar figures, such as Mary, Joseph, and Peter, as well as unfamiliar figures, as the children of Perea or the boy of Bethsaida, are described in poems easy for the younger child to understand.

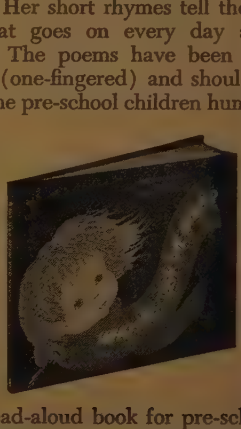
Those who know and love Tasha Tudor's illustrations will welcome the fact that there are two of her religious books available this Christmas. AND IT WAS SO (Westminster, $2.50) uses her delightful illustrations to picture more clearly quotations from the Bible. Her children charm in pencil sketches and in soft pastels. THE LORD WILL LOVE THEE, with text by Sara Clarke, uses dramatic illustrations to portray stories from the Old Testament which show God's love for man. Both of these books are for the preschooler, but sensitive older children may find them equally delightful.

MY BOOK OF CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS, by Wanda Bell (Warner, $1.75) not only includes those holidays customarily thought of as Christian, but also "days we keep but need to make more Christian." Photographs, as well as drawings, are included to make this book interesting. The child from 8-10 would find some of the suggestions for making holidays more Christian irresistible. Many children will not know some of the newer church days, such as World Communion day, or Universal Bible Sunday. is instructional as well as entertai

Three books of prayer are also able for gift giving. PRAYERS SONGS, by G. L. Wind (Conc $.35) is suitable for the very yo est. Amply illustrated, it uses s words and songs to attract the The first song included unfortun is printed as being in the key rather than G. However, anyone ing it would quickly catch this and right it. THANK YOU, GOD Mildred S. Edwards (Warner, $ tells of some of the things for a child should be grateful. It re practice to read this book aloud, there is little rhythm to the sente and the book is printed to look poetry. This book definitely have to be read aloud to you children, for whom it is desig LITTLE FOLDED HANDS, by A Jahsmann (Concordia, cloth paper $.35) is a small collectio prayers for children from ages Don't let its size deceive you. actually an excellent collection many sources (none identified)

For the person who wants to g Christmas book that has to do s fically with Christmas, TINY TREE Gustaf Wickland (Augsburg, $1 is just the thing. Although the about the poor little Christmas that no one wants is often told, refreshing illustrations, by E Selim, make this a book worth ing.

Lois Lenski has the wonderful ent of making the everyday t seem important to a child. AT HOUSE (Walck, $2.25) continue do so. Her short rhymes tell the of what goes on every day at house. The poems have been s music (one-fingered) and should have the pre-school children humm



A read-aloud book for pre-scho WHO HAS SEEN THE WIND?, by ion Conger (Abingdon, $2.00).

oes not have the delicacy of ristina Rossetti poem on which sed, but the story has a vital- s own. Mary asks everyone she f they have seen the wind. No s. It isn't until Mary asks the tself that she receives an an-

of the books mentioned above younger reader require some- read them aloud. Reading aloud not be neglected, for it is one lost arts of this day.

the plight of the first and sec- aders, who have learned to read ol but have little to read them- at home, must be recognized. e of their limited vocabulary, it ult to find stories that will ap- o children and yet be within eading range. Many publishers ave series of books attempting ve this problem. A few have o far as to try to label the level book. These labels should be , not rules. For every child has n level, and may read a more lt book than we would expect, e he finds it interesting. The level of the following books, de- for the child to read himself, always be considered as guides, g more.

aps the most delightful of these is LITTLE BEAR by Else Mina- Harper, $1.95). In a vocabulary

irst and second graders can un- nd, it is the story of Little Bear Mother Bear. Little Bear is con- d with matters like going to Mars ome-made space helmet (which esn't), or what to wear in winter r coat finally is the solution), or to serve for his birthday when er Bear has forgotten it (which, ourse she hasn't). The coziness comfort of a happy family radiate this book. The illustrations by ice Sendak fit perfectly, with personable animals who are not ly "cute." This book may well be a contemporary classic for children, being read and re-read by children, and enjoyed equally by parents.

THE BOY WHO WOULD NOT SAY HIS NAME, by Elizabeth Vreeken (Follett, $1.00), wonders what is to happen to Bobby Brown (who never remembers his name but always calls himself Pinocchio, or Little Boy Blue, or any of a number of other storybook characters) if he gets lost one day. Will he be able to remember his real name? The vocabulary is designed for the second grader.

For the first grader, there is THE HILL THAT GREW, by Esther K. Meeks (Follett, $1.00). The plight of children with new sleds and no place to slide is one that many children know. The solution that one town finds is ingenious.

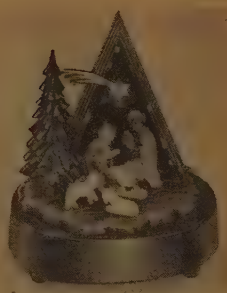
Mary Stolz tells of a boy who wants nothing more than a pig in EMMETT'S PIG (Harper, $2.50). For a birthday present, Emmett is taken to a farm and given a real pig. Even though he knows he can't bring the pig into a city apartment, he is glad that he can come and visit his pet on the farm. First and second graders can read this.

WANTED . . . A BROTHER, by Gina Bell (Abingdon, $1.50) is the plea of Timothy. It takes his sister Anne a long time to convince him that a sister is "almost as good as a brother." Third graders would enjoy this.

For the older boy or girl, age 10-14, planning to take a trip next summer, THE FIRST BOOK OF MAPS AND GLOBES, by Sam and Beryl Epstein (Watts, $1.95) should be useful. It shows how to read maps of many kinds, road maps in particular. It also discusses globes, and the problems of projecting a round globe on a flat piece of paper. This should be extremely useful.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD, by Helen Doss (Abingdon, $1.50) acquaints the pre-school and primary-grade child with the customs, clothes, food, houses, etc., of children from all over the world. It stresses the similarities between them rather than the differences.

Even with a list like this, books are still plentiful—too plentiful you might say. But the challenge that faces you to find a book for someone you love should lead you to look closely at the child and the book. Children's librarians have a motto that could be adopted by all interested persons: The right book, for the right child, at the right time. It's worth it.



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I Love the Gifts I Give

The summer seems far behind, and ahead only the heart's yearning for the wondrous joys of Christmas. Sometimes I feel that these waiting days that precede Christmas are the best of all the year . . . a pensive, reflective time which memories insist on sharing.

As I plan this year's Christmas giving, I recall with delight Carolyn Wells' little pleasantry:

I love the Christmas-tide, and yet,
I notice this, each year I live:
I always like the gifts I get,
But how I love the gifts I give!

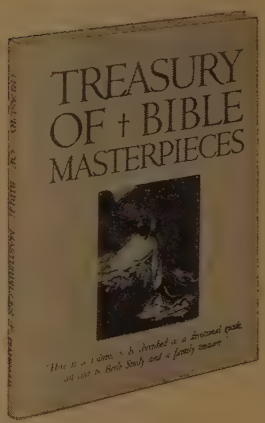
I think Miss Wells must give books, as I do. Let's look at a few well worth giving . . .

Of all the treasures and pleasures on this earth, I guess the very most precious must be our children. Don't

Books for special gifts, reviewed by MRS. JOHN NYBERG of St. Paul, Minn.

we often wonder if we are doing all we can to instill in these dear ones the wonder and beauty of our Christmas heritage? Their eager and tractable minds need our gentle nudges toward the things of the Spirit. Just published and glowing with dramatic, full-color illustrations by Douglas Rosa is a book which will give new spark to our devotional hours. Dr. Walter Russell Bowie has imparted a vitality and drama to the life of Jesus and His disciples that brings the New Testament to life for the entire family. The name of this beautifully illustrated book is THE LIVING STORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (Prentice-Hall, $3.95). Mr. Rosa has portrayed our Lord in a sensitive and appealing way. Here is a Christmas gift that will be loved and *used*.

A book which I wish every family would give to itself is the TREASURY OF BIBLE MASTERPIECES (Standard, $10). It is literally a work of art. This large volume contains between its handsome covers 65 richly colored paintings by masters of Bible art. Bringing the Bible to throbbing life, the 9 x 12" full-page illustrations depict the old and dearly familiar stories of the Old and New Testaments. Opposite each picture is the accompanying Scripture text. What a wonderful way for a child to learn to love the imperishable beauty of God's Word.



BIBLE READINGS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS (Thomas Nelson, $3.00) is a well-organized and attractively illustrated book for the nine years-to-teenage group. It is designed to serve as an introduction to the Bible, and selected passages from the Revised Standard Version have been chosen to stimulate an interest in the whole Bible. Artist Lynd Ward's contemporary illustrations are worth the price alone.

Bible commentaries have always frightened me. I have so often been left floundering in a sea of Greek, Hebrew, historical treatments, and technicalities, that I lose heart. But now the first five volumes of a 25-volume set of THE LAYMAN'S BIBLE COMMENTARY have been published, and life is bright again! Here are the first five:

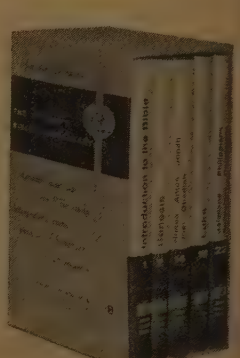
Vol. 1: Introduction to the Bible
Vol. 2: Genesis
Vol. 3: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah
Vol. 18: Luke
Vol. 22: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians

The remaining volumes will be published, four books at a time, in October of each year. The editors and authors, outstanding interpreters of the Old and New Testaments, have written in a flowing, narrative style, and every passage of Scripture terpreted. The first five volumes attractively boxed, and would m meaningful, much-appreciated mas gift (Knox, $2 each; 4 or $1.75 each).

SWEDISH CHRISTMAS (print Sweden by the Tre Tryckore, G burg, $4.95) makes a handsome tion to any bookshelf. It is a de ful potpourri compiled by s Swedish authors who write with and, I suspect, their pens dippe the very spirit of Father Chri . . . the Swedish Santa Claus. It with fascinating folklore, stories and wisdom, games to play and to sing, recipes to grace a Christmas table, and decorations beautifully illustrated book will much happiness, and perhaps memories, to many. I find one with it . . . I shall never be ab read it straight through. It is so full of pungent, Christmasy go that I flit from chapter to chapte happy and impatient as a child just-opened toys. You will, too.

You can explore another north try by reading THE LAND AND PLE OF FINLAND (Lippincott, $2 Highlighted with beautiful ph raphy, the history, geography, world position of Finland are sented in an easy-to-read and ab ing manner. One of the "Portrai the Nations" series.

Here are two new cookbooks anteed to inspire housewives t into their aprons. THE SMORGAS COOKBOOK by Anna Olsson (Hill and Wang, $2.50) offers 200 completely new Swedish rec Wait until you try Lisa's Ginger Kottbullar (Swedish meat balls), Mrs. Nilsson's Spritsar! All recipe adapted to modern cooking met . . . generations of Swedish coo magic at your fingertips.



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nd pensive hush in pale skies
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f feathers on an eider after flight,
nd shining peace sent down to
earth to last.

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snow.

Irs. Olson, an author and teacher,
included 65 of her poems in this
lly little book, and they are ar-
ged in nine poem-groups for year-
ad inspirational reading.

Such Safe Companions

In the pages of a big and beautiful book on THE WORLD OF SCIENCE, a Deluxe Golden Book by Jane Werner Watson (Simon and Schuster, $4.95), I found a tiny pale green bookmark with this little quote from the Jefferson Library:

"Oh, but books are such safe companions. They keep your secrets well; they never boast that they made your eyes glisten, or your cheek flush, or your heart throb."

I wondered as I read through this particular compendium of "Scientists at work today in many challenging fields" how this could possibly apply

MRS. CARROLL HINDERLIE of Minneapolis, Minn., reviews books for the family.

to these pages. Those words were written about the literary heritage that we have come to love in story, philosophy, poetry and drama, the whole background of our imaginations, the delight of fancy, the thrill of adventure, the deep poignancy of life interpreted in literature, history, philosophy.

But here is another, quite another kind of companionship. Your eyes may glisten, your cheek flush, your heart throb, but not because of the safety of the companionship of the book, but because of its very "unsafeness," because of the excitement engendered as you suddenly venture out into this "world of science" and begin to try to understand this language that is becoming as much a part of our modern life as quotations from the classics were in the past centuries.

This volume, intended actually for the young (but also for the stupidly uninformed), answered a real need for me which I had sensed in reading an article by Sir Charles Percy Snow in one of the September *Saturday Evening Posts* on "The Conflict of Cultures." In it he decries the "cultural dichotomy" of our present intellectual life—two worlds, the literary and the scientific (in particular the physical sciences). I realized that I, with my concentrated education in humanities, needed some kind of primer to lead me at least into the vocabulary of this other world, and here it is.

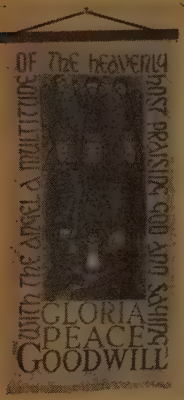
For this book is worth the time it must have taken to write and illustrate it; the style is good, not over-simplified, and the photographs are fascinating, all in color. Geology, Astronomy, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Engineering—all the subjects I did not dare to take in school—are here in introductory form, presented in a challenging manner to encourage further probing and questions.

And yet, you are not left with any kind of shallowly optimistic statement that science has all the answers, nor that it is a way of life. The human being whose brain, as the editor hastens to assure us, is far more complicated than the wiring of the largest electronic computing machine is still the mystery, still the wonder, as is all of God's creation which we are trying to spell out in symbols and formulas that do not begin to catch the glory but only help us to understand how little we really do know!

Equally well done is another large book, in size as well as scope—this one titled SCIENCE MILESTONES (Windsor Press, for the Science Digest, $5.00). Again an enlightening of a blind spot for many of us, some

of the "heroes of science" through the centuries are here described, vignettes of their lives and human interest stories of their work and contribution to science. Not all of the great ones are here, nor did the editors apologize for this fact, but enough of them from 460 B.C. to 1954 A.D. are included so that you really get a sense of the personalities behind the experiments, and real personalities they all were.

The format of the book is most attractive with a sketch of each man at the beginning of the article and a little run-down on his life and contribution so that you know whom you



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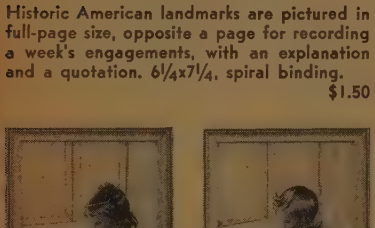

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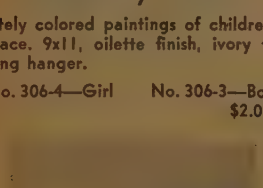

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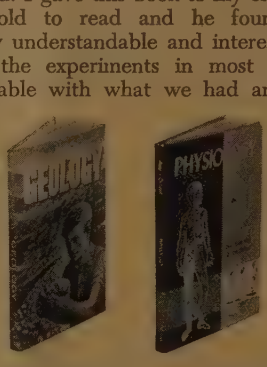
are being introduced to before you start reading the informative essay about him.

In contrast to these two definitely elaborate and inclusive books, are four little volumes written specifically for the eight to twelve group. In all modesty I must admit that I do feel I was above this series. But they are science books in words of one syllable or thereabouts and are written to show some of the basic principles of science. There are many clear illustrations.

PHYSIOLOGY, by Jessie Helen Haag and M. Vere DeVault explains and illustrates the various body functions with simple experiments that a youngster can do and thereby understand for himself. The book on PHYSICS (by Claude C. Boys and M. Vere DeVault) discusses the mechanics of Motions, of Gases, of Heat and of Water, of Light and Electricity and Sound. I gave this book to my eleven-year-old to read and he found it easily understandable and interesting, and the experiments in most cases workable with what we had around



the house. GEOLOGY (by Catherine E. Orr and M. Vere DeVault) includes a study of the effects of erosion on the history of the earth's surfaces, and useful information on rocks and fossils and weathering. The book on PSYCHOLOGY (by Beeman N. Phillips and M. Vere DeVault) is the least appealing to me, perhaps because I am not in favor of children investigating themselves on why they are or are not popular on the basis of comparing themselves with others. It seems to me that there is enough of this "well-adjusted personality" trend in the air without a child reading it in a book that he can, of all things, easily understand and take to himself as a new law. I still prefer that children remain individuals as long as possible. These books are put out by a professor at the University of Texas and are published by the Steck Publishers. They are priced at $1.75 each.

Three more books on Science!! I wonder if the editor knew that he was filling in gaps in my education this project. SHOW ME THE WORL ELECTRONICS (by Julian May, nington, $2.95) is not a duplicatio the above series; this deals prim with radio, television, electronic use in many more important than doors in supermarkets. Ho build a crystal set is included an possibilities of becoming a ham ator.

MR. WIZARD'S SCIENCE SECRETS Don Herbert, published by Pop Mechanics for $3.50) is another on science, but these are all ex ments that children can do and fun with. The chapter headings you what field you are working because sometimes you don't k what is going to happen in the ex ment until it does!

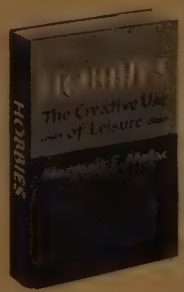
A book with a story, at least characters, is one by Neil P. Ru THERE'S ADVENTURE IN METEO OGY, (Popular Mechanics, $2.95 sighed at first and thought, oh d this is going to be dull going; see, I had been reading quite a lot of these books on this one ge subject the past month. It was a prise—not that the plot and chara weren't obvious and predictable, the excitement of flying into the of a typhoon was really interes and the Robinson Crusoe type survival was at least a little diff way of learning about weather trol and rain making.

Usually I worry over books give suggestions on "how to things because it so often en searching for things I haven't go have forgotten *where* I have the I have them! The following books, however, are not too diff in that way and I found them hel in realizing ways for children to things for Christmas, birthdays, just plain days. They are all wri by Helen Jill Fletcher, published Stuttman and cost $1.95 each. the *"See and Do"* series and incl a book on BOXES, CARTONS, CONT ERS which is a treasure chest of id one of the main ones being tha keeping a "treasure chest of suppl odds and ends of all sorts of th from milk and pop bottle caps to gloves and burned out light bul might say that two of the other b suggest keeping things, especiall "treasure chest for doll supplies" that you might have to have a treasure island to keep all these ch in.

book on DOLLS AND DOLL s goes along with the carton n ideas for creating all kinds of nd gifts, and with instructions . mother can at least follow if ill take the time, and most chil- from nine and on. With these

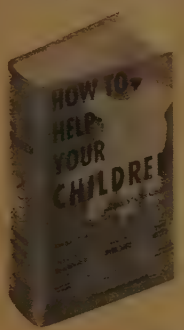
. there is one on CRAYON CHALK CHARCOAL which suggests draw- nd art work that is original, at not making use of a coloring and a cooking book, INDOOR OUTDOOR COOKING. These books equire that mother stop doing she is doing and help get things d, at least for the first few times. vhy shouldn't mothers be glad it? Be thankful that your chil- are bored with television, that vant to do something themselves change and give them support. on't do it for them!

book on HOBBIES (by Margaret ulac, Harper, $3.95) is convinc- written, with humor and under- ng and penetration into the em of leisure and its creative She does not consider fads as es, but actually encourages a l of hand craft of the old world y for our haste-ridden personali-



Bird watching, books, carving, ng, pursuit of some study—this mere collection of salt and pep- hakers, but a real delight, some e things that we have missed in ieth century America and have s wanted to do.

e "How to" school seems to have over where the Sciences left off, ere are two tremendous volumes for parents on how to do something. HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN, THE PARENTS HANDBOOK (Advice from William C. Menninger, Ashley Montagu, Paul Witty, and many others, Sterling, $4.95) is exactly what it says about itself, a handbook. When you think of how little training in the methods of a child's rearing most of us had when we started out being parents, you realize how much of the credit for any family, if there be any, must be given in thanks to God. However, there are certainly some things we can learn even this late in life and for the younger parents much more. The book does not run in one lane, that of uninhibited expressionism, although there is the usual emphasis on understanding before disciplining. The first chapter on self-understanding on the part of parent was good as far as it goes, certainly the very title is important. Ashley Montagu's emphasis



on the deep need for a child to sense love in its strong and secure expression, not sentimental giving in to whims, was excellent in the chapter on "Helping children develop moral values." I found the chapter on "Helping brothers and sisters get along" very honestly and well done, with suggestions that I had not heard of and some very stimulating observations on the parents' relationship toward different members of the family. Each chapter takes up a different area in child development, written by experts but not in that expert kind of style which always makes a mother of several children suspicious and wonder if the author is married. The conclusion is good in leaving the final answer in the personality of the parents themselves.

These are very good for the general atmosphere of the home, but who has not groaned over a sixth or seventh grader's arithmetic problem, only to be told with gentleness that what you have figured out may be right, but not at Stanton School in 1959? Here is a *needed* book, written by a mother and a school teacher, who, incidentally, began her teaching in rural North Dakota: HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD IN READING, WRITING AND ARITHMETIC (by Frieda van Atta, Random House, $4.95). It is literally the three R's from kindergarten through eighth grade and gives the parents help first so that they can in turn help the child.

This does not in any way substitute nor serve as a check on what the teacher is doing, it simply helps you as a parent to help your child if he is having difficulty in the three basic subjects. The book is divided according to grades, gives suggestions for work to do in spelling and writing and reading, and includes many pages of arithmetic problems that can be worked out in the book or on paper. The answers are given at the end of the section so that you need not be in doubt as to the correctness of the grammar or number problems. The explanation of what is required in the writing of themes and outlines is simply told and clear. There is no reason why we should be afraid to help our children at home if we know we are not confusing them with out-moded methods.

All these books groove in to our present demand for more intensive education, and they answer that demand in a real way. However, it seems to me that with this type of science-slanted education, the responsibility rests more than ever on concerned parents. This knowledge must not be used so that our children live fulfilled lives, first and foremost, but that through our understanding of what Frank Laubach calls the most needed course in the new education, the "Geography of World Need," we may challenge them to ask the question, "Where do they need me most? How do I begin?"

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With an Accent on Youth

Even books seem to have "gender." Some are meant for girls; others are for boys. Still others can be profitably read by both.

The following six books can be generally classified in this way.

Let's be polite and begin with the girls.

FOR GIRLS

THE MAGIC WORD by Marjory Hall (Westminster, $2.95) tells of 18-year-old Stephanie Grant's experiences in an advertising agency.

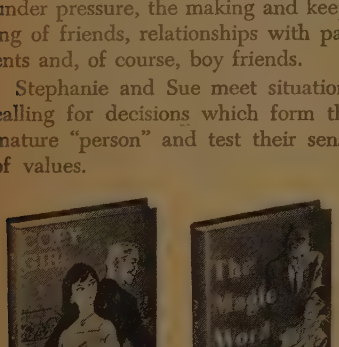
COPY GIRL by Cecil Jane Richmond (Westminster, $2.95) portrays Sue Whitmer as the youthful copy girl of the local newspaper.

These novels are similar in many respects. They even have the same publisher and sell at the same price!

The authors know whereof they speak, each bringing to her work an almost autobiographical note. But more important, they understand girls.

Both Stephanie and Sue are faced with the major concerns of maturing young ladies: the choice of a vocation, the importance of good grooming and manners, growing independence, reaction to criticism and failure, work under pressure, the making and keeping of friends, relationships with parents and, of course, boy friends.

Stephanie and Sue meet situations calling for decisions which form the mature "person" and test their sense of values.



Girls who work for the high school newspaper or annual will particularly enjoy the setting of these novels, but all girls will benefit from the vicarious experience of living through difficult years with Stephanie or Sue.

FOR BOYS

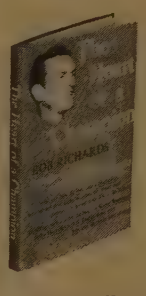
Younger boys (8-12) will be delighted with the adventures and antics of TOR AND AZOR by Maude Crowley (Oxford, $2.75).

Tor, orphaned when his parents were killed by an avalanche in Norway, came to America to live with Aunt Inga. (The author is an American-Norwegian.)

Life is lonely for this boy from "Away" who speaks so strangely: "Perhaps I am a little rare. You see, I'm still wild-stranger here. But that is fixed in time's run, that."

Christmas becomes the happiest day of the year for Tor . . . for more than one reason.

Boys will relive many of Tor's experiences.



Older boys, especially the athletic-minded, will relish THE HEART OF A CHAMPION by Bob Richards (Revell, $2.50).

Americans enjoy sports and "worship" their heroes. (See "Light Dappled with Shadows" in the November 3rd LUTHERAN HERALD.)

But when a Christian is in the grandstand or on the field, the games take on a unique dimension. And this dimension Pastor Richards (the "pole-vaulting parson") reveals in this true-to-life volume.

He turns to his own thrills and spills and to his experiences of the athletic world to portray the challenge of competition and life.

The author refers to the winners and the losers; the heroes of the past and the present; the well-known the unknown.

His purpose is to face the re with ". . . the greatest challenge given to men, given in two w 'Follow Me.'"

The chapter, "Response to Challenge," is especially good.

Filled with interesting sports ies, this book will be a deligh both son and father.

PASTOR LYLE RICH of Naples, S. Dak., reviews books for young people.

FOR BOTH

Both boys and girls of the school gang will benefit from rea the following books.

90 MEDITATIONS FOR YOUTH b fred P. Klausler (Concordia, $1 is a paperback written for teena designed to start them thinking itually.

The brief meditations contem the Church Year, the Trinity, the ciples, numerous Bible figures, the life, friends, relations, things, possessions of youth.

Variety marks this book. The m tations conclude with a hymn v a prayer, a suggestion for Scrip reading, or some special subject further meditation. Most of the passages are from the Revised St ard Version.

Some of the meditations have adapted from those written by C tian youth. Lutheran youth will e cially benefit from the spirit of meditations.

In ST. PAUL by H. K. Lee (nam's, $2.00), the author faithf retells the fascinating story of this namic yet very human man of Go

The author, like many others be him, traces the major influences in life of St. Paul: Roman, Greek, Jewish.

Paul is presented as ". . . the of action, the leader and friend, thinker—to these we must add most important of all, Paul the ant and friend of Jesus Christ."

In order to bear out this portra Paul, the author retells the Bib account of his life. Furthermore, book is replete with helpful illu tions, maps and a table of dates.

The chapter, "Paul the Man short but very helpful in underst ing and appreciating this man of

This book is one in the publish series, "Lives to Remember."

Young readers who have met Paul in Sunday school will remem him in a fresh and meaningful through the reading of this book.

Above Idealism

Murder in the Vicarage

v Hartman, a Swedish clergyman and novelist, a long look at Christians in his books and often up with some startling conclusions. I have just *Holy Masquerade,* a book Hartman wrote in 1950. he story of life and death in a Swedish vicarage nlike most parsonage novels, it does not drown in sy. The teller of the tale is the vicar's wife, a eyed agnostic with a pen dipped in acid.

e private life of a clergyman is welcome material atire. It often provides an ironic discrepancy be- profession and life. Is there anything more cruelly than the small peeve of a minister about the ness of the roast or the coldness of the gravy a Sunday morning discourse on I Corinthians 13? yet Hartman's satire does not end there. Even more le than the discrepancy between what the pastor hes and what he does is the great gulf between the text says and what the pastor claims that it The pastor's wife listens carefully to her husband's imming, laying text and homily side by side. It devastating performance. Pastor Albert Svensson ealed to be neither prophet nor priest but a melan- bureaucrat with confused notions about everything t parish records.

Two-Edged Sword

the Gospel is a remarkable thing. Mrs. Svensson's mage into the truth about her husband thrusts her the volcanic world of truth about herself, where step is tinged with peril. Like many idealists, she vers that standards applied to everyone else look ly different when turned toward herself, and she s almost imperceptibly from the universe of her nd's sin—so palpable and so revolting—into that r own transgression.

Reciprocal Measure

rtman gives us this truth in a tightly-knit situa- The Svenssons are invited to "church coffee" after rning service. It is Lent. Pastor Svensson has just hed on Peter's denial. And the church coffee is a l Swedish concentration of cookies, tarts, and crumbly with butter dough, rich with almonds smothered with whipped cream. The pastor's wife onts her pyramid of goodies and is seized with revulsion. She thinks of German children gaunt with years of starvation eating their breakfasts out of the garbage cans, and she creates something of a sensation by speaking out against gluttony in a world weeping with hunger. It is, she says, a new denial of Christ. But a few days later she is brought face to face with herself. An old woman zealous for missions comes to the vicarage just as Mrs. Svensson, splendid in her silver fox furs, is on her way out.

Idealism Is Not Enough

The difficulty with Mrs. Svensson up to this point is that she has been busy measuring others: her husband, her neighbors, her friends. Now suddenly she is no longer the judge but the adjudged. She sees herself as a sinner. This does not make her husband or her friends more righteous. They are still cold, officious, unbroken, lustful. But they are seen each at the center of his own judgment and his own opportunity for grace. They cannot be reached by the preachments of idealists. Before the self-righteous maxims of their neighbors they roll themselves, like porcupines, into inaccessible balls.

This is perhaps the tragedy of Pharisaism. It not only makes itself unavailable to grace; it is incapable of communicating it. Pharisaism creates prodigals; it does not reclaim them. Only a God who goes Himself into the far country and becomes "sin for us," as Paul so dramatically puts it, is able to reach our flinty hearts. The "passion" or "undergoing" of our Lord as the demonstration of what our sin is capable of, and only this, can bring us out of our unholy masquerade into the light and truth of salvation.

J. R. Heste

Toward the Third Sunday in Advent

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The Epistle: II Peter 1:19-21 • The Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

Monday, December 7

OF DAVID'S LINE

Psalm 132:11

"One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne."

Here, in one of David's Psalms, we have a word of prophecy about the coming of Christ. He was to be of David's line. Echoes of this prophecy were repeated in the words spoken by Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, when he said, "Blessed be the God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old." This prophecy and its fulfillment gives emphasis to the fact that on the human side Jesus was of royal ancestry.

Together with the wonder of prophecy itself—how men of old could know in detail the nature of Christ who was to come—we are struck also with wonder, dear God, at the fact that on the human side our Lord had ancestry among kings. To be King He was indeed born; yet His glory is this, that He set aside all to make Himself a servant. Amen.

Tuesday, December 8

IN LITTLE BETHLEHEM

Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem . . . who are little among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.

How could Micah write this, but by the Holy Spirit? Bethlehem, a little hamlet with no distinction aside from being David's city, the coming birthplace of our Lord! And so it was. Luke writes, "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem." Matthew records that when the wisemen came seeking the newborn King of the Jews, they were told He could be found "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet."

What meaning little Bethlehem has to us, dear Jesus, for it is the place of your birth. What power You have to make great the little, strong the weak, important the insignificant. Make our hearts as Bethlehem, that You may come and abide. Amen.

Wednesday, December 9

FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Hosea 11:1

And out of Egypt I called my so

Strange indeed, that this incident i early experience of the Christ child sh be noted far in advance! When was born, Herod threatened His life. Joseph, having been warned in a d "rose and took the child and his m by night, and departed to Egypt, an mained there until the death of Her Matthew adds to this account, "This to fulfill what the Lord had spoke the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I my son." So soon was Jesus expose the threats of an unsympathetic w This was a preview of what was to

I thank You, gracious Father, the Christ Child did not stay in E but that You called Him out, tha might grow up and fulfill His mi among those to whom He was first And that He willingly submitted t cross that those who are in the E of sin may look to Him and be out and be saved. Amen.

Thursday, December 10

THE ANNOUNCER

Malachi 4:5

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes."

The prophets also foretold that one of their own would be on hand when the Lord came, to announce him to the people. This prophet was to be John the Baptist. Jesus called him the greatest of the prophets. Of him, he said, "What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before my face, who shall prepare the way before thee.' " At this point Jesus was quoting the prophet Malachi.

Wondrous are Your workings, O God, in all that You have planned for the sake of sinners. Make us mindful of the voice of the Announcer that we may heed the call to prepare for the coming of the Lord. For it is only when our hearts are ready that Christ can come in and do His work. In His name we pray. Amen.

Friday, December 11

THE HEALER

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

This well-known passage from prophecy gives an accurate picture of what Christ came to do. Matthew, who was very careful to show how the ministry of Jesus tied up so well with the word of the prophets, said, "That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.' "

Blessed Jesus, You took upon Yourself all our helplessness, our sins, our diseases, our weaknesses, so that when we know our need we may look to you in faith and trust and be made well. Good Physician, give us true healing that our sins shall not destroy us, nor hinder Your purposes with us. Amen.

Saturday, December 12

TRIUMPHANT KING

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Z Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusa Lo, your king comes to you; triump and victorious is he, humble and r on an ass.

This prophecy was fulfilled on the Jesus rode into Jerusalem, allowing moment a little display of glory. It simple enough, outwardly, and not sort of demonstration that would im a child of the world. But those who the humility of Jesus saw His great this the King had come to be a servan lay down His life a ransom for m Those who knew the King quoted the Prophet Zechariah as they greeted entry into the city.

Father in Heaven, it is stated in Word that my blessed Lord rod triumph into the city of Jerusalem cause He was riding to His death. prayer is this, that my Lord shall be umphant in my life that I also ma forever with the King. I ask this in Name. Amen.

ation Is Not God

sion is becoming the "modern llent of the devil," Dr. Frank ldwell, president of the Louis- Presbyterian Theological Semi- said in Louisville, Ky. "And re- n is coming to be viewed as new redeemer," he added.

wever, relaxation is not the an- to all of life's tensions, he told 700 rural life leaders at the Na- Convocation on the Church in and Country, sponsored here e National Council of Churches. hat most of our tensions need anization around a really worthy, nant purpose in life," said Dr. well.

here are people who need to re- trustful confidence in God's for- ess," he added. "But there are who are so relaxed, so full of of mind about man's basic needs aungers . . . that they need ten- they need tightening by the One e tensions led Him straight to ross."

Years . . .

pan Christians Celebrate

arly 15,000 people packed Tokyo's politan Arena for a major united ip service climaxing week-long rations of the 100th anniversary rotestant missions in Japan.

umerous other special centennial es were held throughout the cap- rea, including rallies for children youth, women's meetings, evan- ic mass meetings, a sacred music al, and special lectures. Sponsor co-ordinator of the observance was National Christian Council of Ja-

. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general tary of the World Council of ches, addressed a "mass meeting hristian witness" at the Fujimicho ed Church prior to the interde- inational worship service in the a, where the 14th World Conven- tion of Christian Education was held last year.

Addressing the Arena gathering were Dr. Takeshi Muto, moderator of the National Christian Council of Japan, and Presiding Bishop Michael Hinsuke Yashiro of the Japan Holy Catholic Church (Anglican).

In a tribute to the contribution of missionaries in training national church leaders, Dr. Muto hailed their objectives of "broad vision, sound character and strong faith," and urged "pressing on with the enthusiasm of the early pioneers."

Bishop Yashiro, noting some of the problems of modern Christian society in Japan, described as a challenge the manner in which some of the so-called "new religions" and other influences were seeking to attract adherents. He stressed that the church could not pretend to meet the people's "material desires" but would continue "to give the eternal Gospel of the Son of God" in the next century as it had during the first 100 years of Protestantism in Japan.

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WCC LEADER AT JAPAN CENTENNIAL—Dr. W. A. Visser t' Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches is shown addressing a "mass meeting of Christian witness" in connection with the week-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of Protestantism in Japan. The other man shown is the interpreter.

CHURCH TO HONOR LINCOLN

Unitarians throughout the United States will sponsor erection of a memorial church in Springfield, Ill. in honor of Abraham Lincoln, who is buried there.

Plans for the Lincoln Memorial church were announced by U. S. Sen. Paul Douglas (D.-Ill.), a Unitarian. He said the church will be "dedicated to the principles of America's noblest citizen."

Dr. Dana M. Greeley of Boston, Mass., president of the American Unitarian Association, who conferred with local denominational leaders, reported that a Unitarian Layman philanthropist has pledged $10,000 for the memorial because of his great admiration of Lincoln.

Frank Lloyd Wright, famed architect, had started to draw plans for the project prior to his death last April.

Pope's Council Set for 1963

The Ecumenical Council summoned by Pope John XXIII last January will not be held until the end of 1962 or the beginning of 1963, instead of late in 1960 or early in 1961, as originally anticipated.

This was announced at a press conference in Rome by Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, who heads the special committee set up to prepare the General Council at which bishops from all over the world will be present.

He told a group of some 100 reporters that the work of preparing the Council could not be accomplished for at least three years.

Cardinal Tardini said the agenda of the Council is still undecided, but suggestions ranging from new dogmas to condemnations of modern heresies have come from some 1,600 cardinals, archbishop and bishops and religious superiors around the world. In all, he said, some 2,700 letters have arrived with various suggestions.

The cardinal recalled that at the Vatican Council of 1869-70, letters came from 224 bishops and it took two years to evaluate their contents. He said that this time "more than ten

times" as many replies from prelates will have to be processed, thus making necessary a minimum of three years to prepare for the new Council.

The cardinal said the Council will be an "internal affair" of the Catholic Church and thus any "giving and taking" with Protestant negotiators in an effort to unite Christendom will necessarily be precluded.

Dibelius Defies Reds

Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), preached a Reformation Sunday sermon in East Berlin's St. Mary's Church, in defiance of Communist threats to bar him from the Soviet sector.

The threats were made after the bishop had published a controversial booklet in which he contended that neither the East German Republic nor any other totalitarian regime constitutes a "supreme authority" to which Christians owe allegiance in any Biblical sense.

Although he had been informed by East German authorities that he could no longer preach in East Berlin, Bishop Dibelius drove unhampered past border guards at the Brandenburg Gate to make his scheduled once-a-month appearance in the pulpit of St. Mary's.

He was greeted at the church entrance by leading members of the management of the Berlin and Brandenburg Church of which he is president, and formally escorted in procession to the altar. The 2,000-seat capacity church meanwhile had been filled long before the service began.

Preaching on the history of the Reformation, Bishop Dibelius took as his text "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." He said that an uncompromising spiritual freedom and a firmness in faith was Martin Luther's great heritage to the Evangelical Church.

Although his text was interpreted as a subtle attack on Communism, the 79-year-old Bishop did not assail Communism by name.

After the service, the congregation spilled out on the sidewalk to salute him.

Washington News Notes

DOLLARS ON BULLETIN BOARD—Dr. Edward W. Bauman, chaplain of American University in the nation's capital, has initiated a "do-it-yourself" loan service. The Methodist minister comments that one of his most salient discoveries is the universal student need for money.

On the bulletin board in his outer office he has pinned ten one dollar bills. Any student who finds himself in desperate straits may come in and borrow one of the dollars simply by putting his name and address on a slip of paper (face down) to replace the dollar which he has borrowed. When he returns the money, he takes his name down and the transaction is completed.

Chaplain Bauman said that when students forget their lunch money or run out of gas, they know there is at least some measure of help available. The most interesting thing about the experiment, he explained, will be the test of human nature.

PRAISES LAY ACTIVITY—Church leaders from other countries who come to the United States under the Church Workers Exchange program of the Lutheran World Federation often include Washington in their itinerary. The historic monuments and world-famous buildings help foreign visitors to get a more adequate concept of the principles and ideals on which this nation was founded.

In return, guests from abroad sometimes share their impressions, both good and bad, of the way in which Americans live up to these ideals. One thing which they often mention is the high church attendance as compared with European churches. On the other side of the ledger, they note the small degree of racial integration in the congregations, in relation to pronouncements made by church bodies.

One recent visitor was Dr. Henrik Ivarsson, secretary for congregational life of the Church of Sweden. In a luncheon meeting of Lutheran pastors he said he was particularly impressed by the lay activity in American churches. Coming from a country where religious instruction is part of the public school curriculum, he said that these men and women who give freely of their time in teaching Sunday school and leading other youth programs are to be commended for their important part in building the Christian Church.

By ROBERT VAN DEUSEN and CHARLES DE VRIES

Wisconsin Synod Minority Starts New College

Immanuel Lutheran College has been established in Mankato, Minn., for the training of ministers and teachers by pastors who have resigned from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod in protest over the denomination's failure to sever relations with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, which they accuse of "unscriptural conduct."

Dean of the new school is the Rev. Edmund Reim, a former leader of the Wisconsin Synod and former president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Thiensville. He is credited with shaping the conservative views of Wisconsin Synod pastors who have criticized the group's policy toward the Missouri Synod.

Prof. Reim declared that communicants who have left the Wisconsin Synod plan "eventually" to organize their own conference. He declined to estimate the size of their following.

Relationships among members of the Wisconsin Synod have been in a turmoil for several years. The synod has been urged to sever relations with the Missouri group on the grounds that the latter was departing from its historic conservative position and engaging in certain "unionistic" practices.

These include sponsorship of boy scout troops, military chaplains, joint prayer with other Lutherans and similar expressions of fellowship with churches not in doctrinal agreement with the Wisconsin Synod.

: Assistant cretary Named

German pastor has been named nt executive secretary of the Lu- n World Federation. He is the Kurt Schmidt-Clausen, who since nas been serving a parish in Wun- an industrial suburb of Hannover wer Saxony.

: appointment as deputy to Execu- Secretary Carl E. Lund-Quist in eneral administration of the LWF a four-year term beginning May 50. Creation of the post was au- zed by the officers of the federa- at their meeting last February in na.

a "not exhaustive but illustrative" f Mr. Schmidt-Clausen's duties, ry said he was expected to have assignments in three areas:

) Representation of the Lutheran d Federation secretariat at ses- of national committees, conven- special ceremonies, etc.

) Major responsibility for the commissions . . . on Inner Mis- Stewardship and Congregational Education, and International Af-

) Major attention to preparations ne next assembly (Helsinki, 1963) se cooperation with the (Finnish) mittee on Arrangements."

ie new LWF official is chairman ne Commission for Ecumenical es and Activities of the Church lannover and a member of the nenical Commission of the United gelical Lutheran Church in Ger- . He was a consultant from the gelical Church in Germany at the ston Assembly of the World cil of Churches in 1954, and an al visitor from the Lutheran ch of Hannover at the Minneapo- ssembly of the LWF in 1957.

. Schmidt-Clausen has studied ngland (Oxford, 1948), Austria nna, 1943-44) and Eire. Besides an, he knows English, some lish and French. The 39-year-old yman is married and has a daugh- Anne-Katrin, 12, and a son, Jens,

addition to his years of pastoral e in the Church of Hannover, he d at the headquarters of that ch from 1952 to 1955.

Within the ELC

Martin Luther Attends Reformation Dinner

Martin Luther attended the congregational birthday dinner of Zion Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., held on Reformation Day. In place of the usual speakers, members of the congregation had been told there would be a mystery guest at the dinner. He turned out to be Dr. Luther, portrayed by the Rev. Hudson M. Clements of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and Mrs. Luther, played by Mrs. Roger Hatlestad. Mrs. Hatlestad directed the skit, which included Reformation reminiscences by the guest of honor. Pastor Clements wore the costume used by Luther in the motion picture, *Martin Luther*.

"Do It Yourself" Organ Project

"Would you be interested in a five rank pipe organ if you could get it for about the same price as a good electronic organ?"

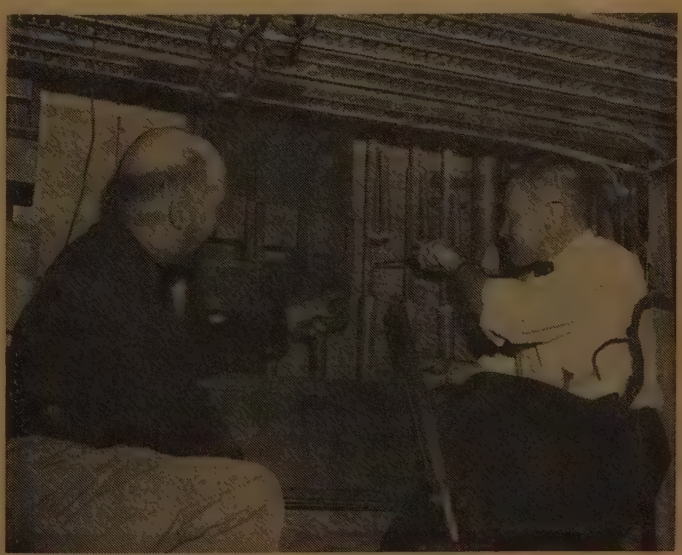
Such a question naturally aroused interest—not without skepticism—in a pastor whose congregation was planning to build its first unit. So the Rev. Ole Winter of Fortuna, Calif., asked for details.

He listened as George Sandin, a millwright in a plywood factory, explained that his hobby was organ-building and that he had the parts of a theater organ that had been given to another church but not used. He proposed to assemble these into an organ for the new Fortuna Lutheran Church. The organ builder's assembly room looked like a combination carpenter's and plumber's workshop to Pastor Winter — parts were everywhere and looked quite incapable of ever interpreting Bach or Mendelssohn.

But they went to work. First an adequate chamber was planned, allowing room for a blower and 16-foot pipes, and easy access for any future repairs. Fortunately, construction of the church had not begun so this could be incorporated into the architect's plans.

In the organ itself, the windchests were reconditioned, some pipes were replaced with used pipes more suitable for church music, and a console was built to match the chancel furniture.

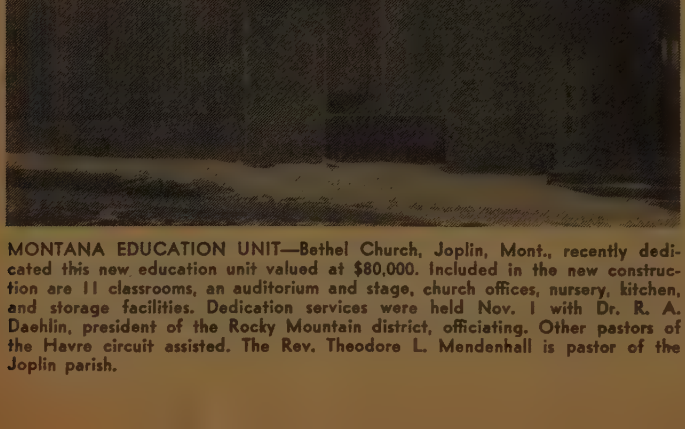
The results were very satisfactory. "We never dreamed that we could have a pipe organ in our small home mission congregation," says Pastor Winter, "but one Sunday 'Holy, Holy, Holy' was sung by a thrilled and nearly tearful congregation accompanied by a pipe organ. We would like to encourage other congregations, young and old, to do what we did."



Mr. Sandin (left) and Pastor Winter assembling the organ

NEW MONTANA CHURCH—A "truly Western style church" was the intention and achievement of American Lutheran Church, Baker, Mont., for its new church, shown above, which was dedicated recently. Seating capacity in the nave of this $135,000 church is 400. The educational wing contains an assembly room and Sunday school classrooms. Dedicatory rites were conducted by Dr. R. A. Daehlin, president of the Rocky Mountain district. The Rev. Oliver L. Jones is the present pastor of American Church.

DAKOTA CHURCH EXPANDS—Shown above is Hjerdal Church, Voltaire, N. Dak. with a new addition dedicated during recent 50th anniversary services. The Rev. W. L. Hanson is pastor of the parish.



MONTANA EDUCATION UNIT—Bethel Church, Joplin, Mont., recently dedicated this new education unit valued at $80,000. Included in the new construction are 11 classrooms, an auditorium and stage, church offices, nursery, kitchen, and storage facilities. Dedication services were held Nov. 1 with Dr. R. A. Daehlin, president of the Rocky Mountain district, officiating. Other pastors of the Havre circuit assisted. The Rev. Theodore L. Mendenhall is pastor of the Joplin parish.

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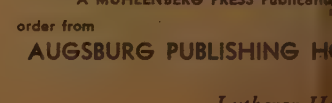

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first unit is under construction to be ready for the first service 7. This unit is of special in- because the auditorium is being gh enough to allow for a second hen it is no longer needed for . The Rev. Norman O. Land- rmerly of Detroit Lakes, Minn., the pastor of the congregation.

People

Rev. Peter N. Tengesdal has re- as pastor of the Prairie Valley rural Williston, N. Dak., in accept a call to become Minis- Education and assistant pastor of First Church, Seattle, Wash., e Jan. 15.

Marilyn Nelson was recently in- as parish worker at Christ , Long Beach, Calif. Miss Nel- a St. Olaf College graduate and ved as a parish worker at Bethel , Long Beach, for the past ears. The Rev. A. K. Odden is of Christ Church.

The Rev. Andrew C. Anderson has resigned as pastor of Trinity Church, Hawthorne, Calif., in order to accept a call to organize a new Home Mission congregation at Costa Mesa, Calif.

The Rev. Allen E. Nelson, formerly of Roland, Ia., is now serving Fremont Church, Cresco, Ia.

Mr. John O. Elsather, a member of American Church, Billings, Mont., is looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday Dec. 13. He is a 40-year resident of Billings.

The Rev. Leslie H. Otterby, formerly of Grayland, Wash., is now serving as pastor of Hope Church, Seattle, Wash.

The Rev. John L. Quam, who has been serving on the mission field in Tanganyika, East Africa, is now serving as pastor of Rock Creek Church, Osage, Ia.

The Rev. E. K. Bentley has resigned from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Des Moines, Ia., in order to become pastor of Bricelyn Church, Bricelyn, Minn., effective Dec. 1.

The Rev. Leonard E. Smestad, pastor of Our Saviour's, Pleasant Valley, and Golden Valley Churches, Park River, N. Dak., has resigned from that parish in order to accept a call to Riverside Church, Dawson, Minn., effective in January.

ANTED: BY NEW ELC CHURCHES—

Names and addresses of all Lutherans living in or moving to . . .

ADELPHIA, PA. (Torresdale)—Rev. nold G. Nelson, 128 Chalfont St., Phila. Pa., Faith Lutheran Church ARWATER, FLORIDA—Rev. C. W. lberg, 15 N. Mars, Clearwater, Fla., ace Lutheran Church ANDO, FLORIDA—Rev. Arvid Thor- , 2530 Martin Wood Drive, Orlan- , Christ Lutheran Church ASOTA, FLORIDA—Rev. Otto L. le, 3560 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, ly Cross Lutheran Church ASO, TEXAS—Rev. Einar R. Larson, 05 Nairn, El Paso, Mt. Hope Luther- Church CRESCENT, MINN.—Rev. Richard HOLY, 406 3rd St. N., La Crescent, an., Prince of Peace Lutheran urch HAM, MINN.—Rev. A. M. Vorhes, lvary Lutheran Church 'CASTLE, WYOMING—Rev. James edt, Box 127, Grace Lutheran urch RLAND, WYOMING—Rev. Alf W. Hjemboe, 504 S. 17th St., Grace Lutheran Church

GRANTS PASS, ORE.—Rev. Raymond E. Brandt, 722 N. E. Riddle Drive, Calvary Lutheran Church

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ROLLINGHILLS, CALIF.—Rev. Henry Erickson, 4653 Rockbluff Dr., Rolling Hills Estates, California, Ascension Lutheran Church

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Rev. Oliver W. Ruud, 3524 Williams Rd., San Jose 28, Calif., Zion Lutheran Church

UKIAH, CALIF.—Rev. Mark M. Anderson, 1358 Rose Ave., Grace Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Albert E. Erickson has resigned as pastor of Zion and Linden churches, Hanska, Minn., to accept a call to become assistant pastor at First Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., effective Jan. 1.

Mr. Alf O. Nelson, a member of Trinity Church, Silverton, Ore., was recently honored by that community on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his law practice. He received a citation from the Oregon State Bar Association.

The Rev. Ralph V. Christopherson, formerly of Madison, S. Dak., is now serving as pastor of Erdahl and Pelican Lake Churches, Ashby, Minn.

The Rev. Robert E. Crofton, formerly of Bruce, Wis., is now serving as pastor of Elliott and Pontoppidan Churches, Elliott, Ill.

The Rev. Arnold Edwards has resigned from his parish in Miller, Iowa, in order to accept a call to the Norway-Conroy parish, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, effective after Jan. 1.

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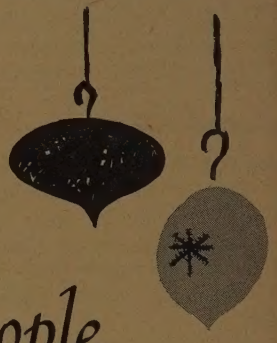

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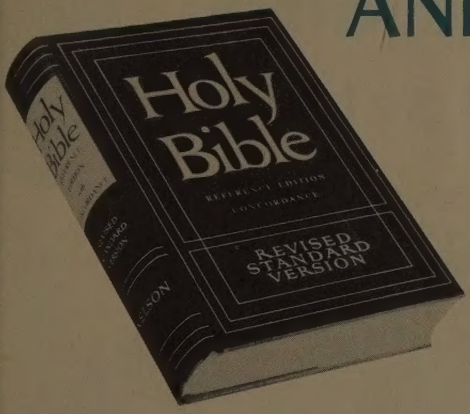

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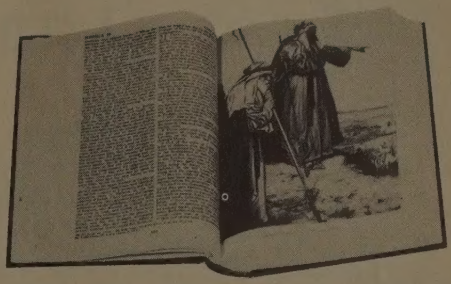

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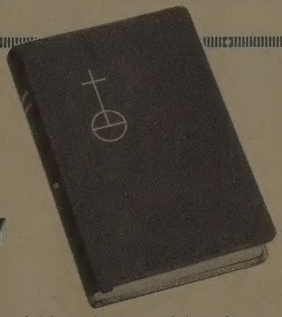

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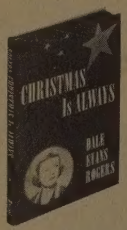

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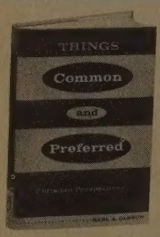

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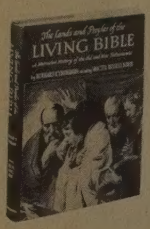

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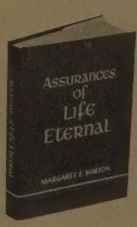

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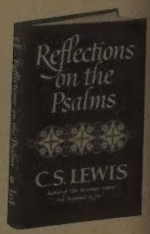

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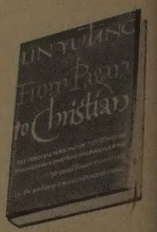

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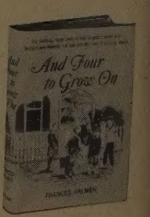

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